

Theta Gamma Thoughts

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2015-2017 TSO Theme –
*The Heart of the Society
is Its Members*

job. She was my angel and the wind beneath my wings.

My second partner in crime was Carol. She got everything I asked out to you all and even some things I didn't even think about. What a powerful job she has and I know we all appreciate her.

Thank you all once again for getting me through this horrendous year after losing Hamp. It has been rougher than ever, but as you all know, Catalina and I are survivors and we are going to get through all of this.

Enough of this... I will save the rest for my going out speech at the BBQ....if they let me talk.

Our last meeting will be our closing BBQ at Kim and Donna's house. I am looking forward to passing the gavel over to Kimberly!

Thank you all from the bottom of the heart for encouraging me, coming to meetings, sharing of yourselves and your time. You are the HEART of DKG. It has been a wonderful experience and I am proud to say I was your president!

Love always, Shannon

Note from the Editor:

Have you seen the new DKG publication, Collegial Exchange? I read the one I got in the mail and was fascinated by many of the articles. You can also read it @ <http://www.dkg.org/content/collegial-exchange>

President's Message

Dear Sisters,

Wow- this is my last letter to you as President. It has been a fast two years and I have really loved and learned more than I thought possible. You all have kept me afloat from the first time in September, 2014 at Dos Comales Restaurant when I looked out at your smiling faces... I was a nervous wreck. I wanted everything to go perfectly. I wanted our group to shine, and shine we did!

The Annie Award that we won last year and the one we are hoping to win this year are our programs that showed who we are and how we fulfil DKG goals. The PACE App showed us to be working in almost every area they asked about. I was once again in awe of all we do in a year. And above all of that, we have had fun. We have members who go above and beyond for our meetings. My favorite was when we couldn't get a speaker we planned on, Laura hopped up to the plate and made sure we were well informed on the topic. And who ever would have thought me to be a clothes model.. Wasn't that fun???

I must tell you, if it were not for Donna Rodenberg, I could not have done this

Next Meeting Information:

May 21: Founders/Chapter Birthday Party
at 4:00 p.m. at the home of Kim and Donna,
[3309 Casa Bonita,78411](https://www.google.com/maps/place/3309+Casa+Bonita,+78411)

Please bring: crayons, pencils, pens, wide-ruled notebook paper, new fleece blankets, and new teddy bears. to the May meeting. They will be taken to the state convention for our Unifying Project.

Celebrations galore are in store for members as the year comes to a close. We will honor our founders, install officers for the next biennium, and award a chapter scholarship, grant-in-aid, and our first-ever chapter achievement award.

Purposes: 2, 5

Minutes of the Last Meeting

On April 21, 2016, President Shannon Clubb called the meeting to order at 5:30 in the Lozano Instructional Support Center.

Members present were: Brandey Addison, Kimberly Brumley, Valerie Buhidar, Shannon Clubb, Kimberly Craig, Laura Day, Janice Doughty, Mairaed Gillooly, Sylvia Gonzalez, Samantha Greses, Roxanna Guererro, Norma Janice, Barbara MacDonald, Sharon Phillips, Kelli Powell, Donna Rodenberg, Kay Schroeder, Sylvia Swift-Perez, Beverly Tackett, Carol Walker, and Vilma Zuniga. Holly Ortiz was our visitor.

The program was presented by Amy Mertz, the volunteer coordinator at the Women's Shelter of South Texas. She spoke of the shelter itself and the needs of the shelter. She graciously accepted our filled purses for the shelter. We even helped load the in the car for her. She said they would be quite helpful for the women who use the shelter. We donated about 25 purses.

The minutes were approved as corrected.

Our President Shannon's report:

* We were one person short to make to make our Crazy Picasso a fundraiser, but it was a

fun-raiser. Fun was had by all who attended. However, we did make \$435 for the scholarship fund on our silent auction.

*Area 5 workshop will be held on August 13, 2016 in Harlingen, TX. Forms must be turned in by May 13. It is \$20 to attend, and we are committed to 10 people.

*The Unifying Project for the state convention has been announced. We are donating: crayons, pencils, pens, wide-ruled notebook paper, new fleece blankets, and new teddy bears. Please bring to the May meeting.

*We have sent our applications in for the Annie and the Pace awards. We will find out at the convention if we won.

*Our area coordinator Sara Hayward is ill. Please send her good thoughts, wishes, and prayers to: 16678 W. Wilson Rd #24 Harlingen, TX 78552

The treasurer's report was given by Kimberly Brumley. We had a total income of \$797.04, and total expenses of \$346.30. On 4/21/2016, this gives us a balance of \$1,528.04 with \$745.40 scholarship funds embedded.

Our nominating committee of Donna, Judith, and Laura presented the nominees for the new officers. They are:

Kimberly Craig for president
Laura Day for 1st vice-president
Janice Doughty for 2nd vice-president
Barbara MacDonald for recording secretary
Brenda Machen for corresponding secretary

The nominees were voted on and accepted.

The scholarship committee raised \$54 by selling tickets for a gardening basket.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Brandey led us through a bucket list activity for our wants and needs for next year's meetings.

Our next meeting is a barbeque on May 21st at 4:00 p.m. at Kim and Donna's house.

We concluded with our Delta Kappa Gamma song.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara MacDonald on behalf of Debbie Van Zandt, recording secretary

Red Roses of Congratulations to –

The big thing in **Margaret DeVille** and her husband's lives right now was Buc Days. Walter was the Parade Marshall this year for the junior parade which was one of the largest ever - 88 units with 60,000 people on the Bayfront. It was fun--we led the parade. They also lead the big illuminated night parade which is the climax of Buc Days. Walter has been volunteering with the Buc Days Celebration since 1988. She joined him to be on the scholarship committee 13 years ago.

Amanda Guillory, niece of our incoming president **Kimberly Craig**, will graduate May 14th with a Bachelor of Science in Education with a concentration in interdisciplinary studies: Math 4-8. Amanda was a recipient of the Esther - Jane Roark Hahn Memorial Recruitment Grant. Miss Guillory has been offered a teaching position with CCISD and looks forward to beginning her career in August.

Brandey Addison and Roxanna Guerrero began the 2015-2016 school year in new roles as Instructional Technology Specialists for Corpus Christi ISD.

Together with their team in the Office of Instructional Technology, they are leading the district in the integration of technology impacting the teaching and learning environment with a focus on student achievement. The Office of Instructional Technology maintains a website at www.ccisd.it, publishes a monthly digital magazine-- Tech2Teach Monthly, provides on-demand professional learning district wide, hosts an annual summer technology conference—Tech2Teach, provides Tech Savvy Saturday training sessions with a Chromebook incentive, and will also be co-hosting the Coastal Bend GOOGLE Summit this summer. Brandey and Roxanna enjoy helping others and embrace the opportunity to expand their expertise in their fields. These two techies would love to share more about what their team offers with you. Feel free to email them at Brandey.Addison@ccisd.us or Roxanna.Guerrero@ccisd.us.

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provided by Texas Retired Teachers

[All It Takes to Change a Life Is Listening](#)

[The Most Popular High School Plays And Musicals](#)

[The Skills That Make Kids More Likely to Grow Up to Be Successful](#)

Quick Links to society sites:

International: <http://www.dkg.org>

State: <http://www.dkgtexas.org/>

Theta Gamma Chapter:

www.thetagamma.weebly.com

Alpha State Convention

87th Texas State Convention

Frisco Convention Center

Frisco, Texas

June 23 - 25, 2016

For More Convention Information:

- ✓ Check the TSO website regularly at <http://www.dkgtexas.org/>
- ✓ Check Facebook's DKG-TSO page often at <https://www.facebook.com/tso.deltakappagamma/>
- ✓ Contact Janet Burgess, Frisco Convention registrar, at jborgesstx@sbcglobal.net

News from International

The 2018 DKG International Convention will be held in Austin, Texas.

If you are interested in helping with this endeavor, please contact Convention Chair JoAnn Brooks at joannbrooks@verizon.net.

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April Meeting Moments



Amy Mertz, volunteer coordinator at the Women's Shelter, with Donna and Shannon



Kim B. Sylvia G, Norma, Donna, and Vilma



Those who attended with their purses and those sent by the absentees

Incoming First VP
Laura Day



Incoming President
Kimberly Craig

Guest Holly Ortiz